

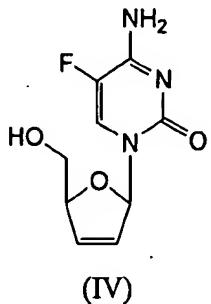
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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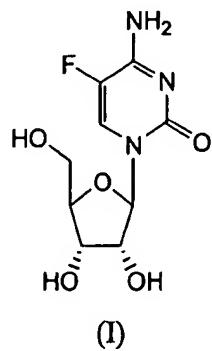
Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula (IV):

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comprising:

(1) contacting a compound of Formula (I):



(I)

with an acyl halide of Formula Q-C(=O)X, wherein:

Q is 2-(R<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)phenyl-, R<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>-, or R<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>C(=O)OC(R<sup>2</sup>)<sub>2</sub>-;

X is Cl, Br, or I;

R<sup>1</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup>, at each occurrence, is independently selected from methyl, ethyl, and propyl;

in a suitable polar aprotic solvent at a temperature from about 0°C to 60°C to form a

compound of Formula (II), a compound of

Formula (II\*), or a mixture of compounds of Formula (II) and (II\*):